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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CASES: RORY AND MARIA ANTONIETA
CESPEDES CHUNG

1. WE ARE POUCHING SEPARATELY A LETTER TRANSMITTED BY
CONGRESSMAN BOB CARR OF MICHIGAN. THE LETTER IS FROM AN
AMERICAN RESIDENT FORMERLY OF PERU, BELMA CESPEDES.
MS. CESPEDES REPORTS THAT ON DECEMBER 16, 1978 RORY AND
MARIA ANTONIETA CESPEDES CHUNG, HER BROTHER AND SISTER,
ALONG WITH AN ARGENTINE FRIEND, WERE SHOT AND KILLED IN
RORY'S APARTMENT BY THE ARGENTINE POLICE.

2. RORY AND MARIA ANTONIETA CESPEDES WERE IDENTIFIED AS
STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROSARIO. BELMA CESPEDES
STATES THAT ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN A ROSARIO NEWSPAPER
THE THREE WERE ACCUSED OF BEING TERRORISTS AND SAID TO HAVE
OPENED FIRE ON THE POLICE. BELMA DENIES THIS STORY. SHE
ALSO CLAIMS THAT HER BROTHER RORY'S ROOMMATE, RICARDO
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SANDOVAL, WHO IS ALSO PERUVIAN, WAS IMPRISONED FOR SIX DAYS.
DURING THIS TIME HE WAS, REPORTEDLY, QUESTIONED AND SUB-

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JECTED TO PHYSICAL ABUSE. HE WAS THEN WARNED TO LEAVE ARGENTINA AND HE RETURNED TO PERU SHORTLY AFTER HIS RELEASE. IT WAS RICARDO WHO INFORMED MS. CESPEDES' FAMILY IN PERU OF HER BROTHER AND SISTER'S DEATH.

3. MS. CESPEDES HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE THAT THE ADDRESS IN ROSARIO OF HER BROTHER'S APARTMENT WAS AVDA.PELLEGRIN, 1685. SHE STATED THAT THE LAST NAME OF THE ARGENTINE FRIEND WHO WAS KILLED WITH HER BROTHER AND SISTER WAS CONRADO. SHE DID NOT KNOW THE ID NUMBERS OF ANY OF THE VICTIMS.

4. CONGRESSMAN CARR HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE HIM WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THESE DEATHS. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY WOULD LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AND REPORT BACK.

5. FOR LIMA: IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS CASE, WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN COVERED IN THE PERUVIAN PRESS, PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT AND AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES. VANCE

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